



**St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church**

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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**Sunday August 13, 2017 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1.** Leavetaking of the Transfiguration. St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk and All Russia (1783). Translation of the Relics of St. Maximus the Confessor (662). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Maxim of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ (ca. 1547). Martyr Hippolytus of Rome and those with him: Martyr Concordia, Irenæus, and Abundius (258). The Icon “PASSION” of the Most-holy Theotokos. (Note: The service for St Tikhon is transferred to August 12.)

**Saturday 8/19 \*No Vespers\***

**Sunday 8/20 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.**

*followed by Coffee Hour*

**Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Aug 13	WALES	WALES	WALES
Aug 15	DORMITION		
Aug 20	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	CAREY
Aug 27	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Sep 03	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure ^body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Your ^Kingdom!//  
Glory to Your dispensation, O  Lover of mankind!”

### **Tone 7 Troparion**      *(Transfiguration)*

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,  
revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it.  
Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,  
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//  
O Giver of Light, glory to You!

### **Tone 1 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Yourself.  
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.  
Adam exults, O Master!  
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://  
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### **Tone 7 Kontakion**      *(Transfiguration)*

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God,  
and Your Disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;  
so that when they would behold You crucified,  
they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,  
and would proclaim to the world//  
that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

### **Tone 1 Prokeimenon**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!  
(Ps 32/33:22)

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)*

#### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all! (*Ps 103/104:24*)

#### **Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16**

*For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.*

*We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!*

*To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless.*

*And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;*

*being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.*

*I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.*

*For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.*

*Therefore I urge you, imitate me.*

#### **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.. (Ps 17/18:47)*

*v: :He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

#### **Tone 8**

*v: The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours. (Ps 88/89:11)*

#### **Gospel Matthew 17:14-23**

*And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,*

*“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.*

*So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”*

*Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.”*

*And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.*

*Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”*

*So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

*However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”*

*Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.*

***(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)***

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Your childbearing was without corruption;  
God came forth from your body clothed in flesh,  
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.  
Therefore we all magnify you, O Theotokos.

### **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your name forever. (*Ps 88/89:15b*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **This Week's Announcement**

**VCS Thank You** 2017 Vacation Church School was very fruitful. Thank you to our parents (and grand/godparents) for offering their time and talents the building up of the Church through VCS. We pray that God will continue to bless our parish with youth. All are welcome to look out back by the shed to see the new reflection garden.

**Dormition Fast and August Feast Days** The liturgical calendar comes to its close in August with the fourth and final fasting season of the Church year along with two major feasts. Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period begins on August 1<sup>st</sup> and peaks on August 15<sup>th</sup>, when the Church gathers to celebrate the great feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos. Join us on Mon. Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for Vespers and then Tues. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> for Divine Liturgy and blessing of flowers, herbage, and seeds.

**No Vespers Next Week** Just a reminder that we will not have Vesper on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Barnabas and Fr. Dn. James will be out of town to attend a wedding. If any are interested in having a reader's vespers please see Fr. Barnabas.

**Upcoming Parish Picnic** Please mark your calendars, we are planning on having our parish picnic on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope that having the picnic after Labor Day the weather (God willing) will be a bit cooler and that more will be able to attend. Hope to see you there!

### **Two Icons Full of Love**

*The icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos, celebrated this week, shows the Mother of God lying on her deathbed. Jesus Christ, surrounded by angels, tenderly holds her luminous soul which in His glory He has taken to Himself. Her face is serene, and she is surrounded by the apostles. "Dormition" means "falling asleep." Saint Paul writes in I Thessalonians 4:13: "I do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others do who have no hope."*

*The icon of the Dormition shows the reason for hope. Death cannot have the final word, because Christ is taking His mother to heaven. The apostles are sad, but not prostrate with grief, because they know the fulfilled promise of the Lord. The angels in the icon show that those heavenly beings will be there for us, too.*

*The Festal hymns are also encouraging. The troparion and kontakion say that in her falling asleep, the Theotokos does not forsake the world but continues to pray for us. Just as Christ continues in His love for His mother, she is consistent in her loving concern for the world.*

*Today we remember the image of Christ "not made by hands." Its title comes from Mark 14:58—"I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."*

*John's Gospel records that "the temple He was speaking of was His body. After His resurrection His disciples recalled what He had said, and they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken" (John 2:20-1).*

*There are a few stories of how the image came to be. The one traditionally accepted by many sources is related in the Prologue from Ochrid: Prince Abgar of Edessa in Syria heard of Christ's miracles and healings. He sent a messenger to Palestine imploring Christ to come and heal his leprosy.*

*Rather than leave Palestine, Christ gave Ananias a cloth on which He had wiped His face, leaving a perfect impression. When Abgar kissed it, most of the leprosy fell away, and later when he received baptism from the apostle Thaddeus he was completely healed.*

*Abgar put the cloth in a gold frame and placed it at the entrance of the city of Edessa for people to venerate. Above it he wrote, "O Christ our God, everyone trusting in You shall not be put to shame."*

*When a grandson of Abgar fell into idolatry, believers hid the image to keep it from destruction. Centuries later, with the city under Persian attack, the Theotokos told the Bishop of Edessa where to find the long-forgotten icon.*

*He found it and processed around the city with it. The Persian army miraculously retreated.*

*Once again, the Theotokos did not forsake the world. Once again, the world was given a healing, loving image of Christ, Who is "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15), the One who heals and loves us all.*

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## *Wisdom from the Holy Fathers*

*"Where there is God, there is no evil. Everything coming from God is peaceful, healthy and leads a person to the judgment of his own imperfections and humility."*

*St Seraphim of Sarov*

*The devil greatly envies the man who prays, and uses every craft, in order to wound his purpose. Thus, when the demons see that you are eager to truly pray, they remind you supposedly of some supposed necessary things. In a little while however they make you forget them and push you to seek them. And because you won't remember them, you get distressed and are sad. When you stand again at prayer, they again remind you of the things you were searching, for the mind to again turn to them and in the end to lost the fruitfulness of prayer.*

*St Nilus of Sinai*

*'It is God's task to administer the world and the soul's task to guide the body.'*

*St. Thalassios the Libyan*

*"God never abandons a soul that puts its trust in Him, even though it is overpowered by temptations, for He is aware of all weaknesses. A man knows the weight that can be placed on the back of an ass, a mule or a camel, and burdens each beast with as much as it can carry; the potter knows how long he must keep his clay in the fire, for if he exposes it too long to the flames, the pot will crack, and if he does not bake it long enough, it will not be fit for use. Now if a man has judgment as precise as this, how infinitely greater is the wisdom of God in judging the degree of temptation which a soul is able to bear?"*

*St. Nilus of Sora*

**Prayers for the Departed:** *Protodeacon Gregory Hatrack, Anwor Kawaja, William Hulik*

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** *Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, George Coyle, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, Elizabeth (Beverly) Hulik*

**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** *Elizabeth Clause, Mary (Misty) Robinson, Elizabeth Brasowski, Laura Cristina Najemy*

**Prayers for Catechumens:** *Stephanie Smiertka Riley*

**Prayers Newly Illumined/ Chrismated:** *Josephine Didonatos, Carolyn Peck, Johan Asfeha-Waters*

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Clerk</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b>13-Aug</b>	Kraiter /Cretu /Vladirova	Bunitsky/Lewis	Riley	Maloney
<b>20-Aug</b>	Pacienza /Georg	Elia/Morjana	Hines	Lewis
<b>27-Aug</b>	Souder /Riley	Riley	Bunitsky	Gundersen
<b>03-Sept</b>		Sulpizi/Finck	Farrell	Farrell

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Aug-13	Andrew
Aug-15	Luke (Dormition)
Aug-20	Luke
Aug-27	Nicholas